

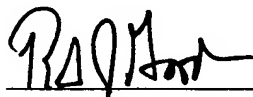
c. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2001-266352. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2,4 of the specification of the present application and is shown in the English-language abstract.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitutes "prior art." If it should be determined that the listed document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document. Applicant further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP



Robert J. Goodell-Reg. No. 41,040

Date: October 8, 2003

MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP
1111 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004
(202) 739-3000

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION (Use several sheets if necessary) PTO F rm 1449	Attorney Docket No. 040894-5967	Serial No. Unassigned
	Applicant Tadashi TACHIBANA	
	Filing Date October 8, 2003	Group Unassigned

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation	
							YES	NO
		7-311962	Nov. 28, 1995	Japan			Abstract	
		2002-08242	Jan. 11, 2002	Japan			Abstract	
		2001-266352	Sep. 28, 2001	Japan			Abstract	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

Examiner	Date Considered
Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	